

REMARKS

In the Office Action, claims 20-21 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102 and claim 22 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration in view of the foregoing amendments and following remarks. Claims 23-36 are new. Upon entry of this Amendment, claims 21-36 will be pending in the application.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §102

In the Office Action, claims 20 and 21 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 as being anticipated by U.S. Reissue Patent No. RE 32,598 to White (“White-RE”). Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection and respectfully submit that White-RE fails to teach each and every element of the claims as required to support a rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102.

Nevertheless, Applicants have amended the claims for the purpose of expediting prosecution. Applicants reserve the right to pursue the previously submitted claims in one or more continuation applications.

In addition to the defects identified in response to a previous Office Action, White-RE does not teach an output mirror that *inter alia* directs emitted light away from an area to be illuminated. Consequently, claims 20-21 are allowable for at least this additional reason. Therefore, for at least these reasons, the rejection of claims 20-21 should be withdrawn.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §103

In the Office Action, claim 22 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over White-RE in view of U.S. Patent No. 4,355,871 to Nevyas et al. (“Nevyas”). Since Nevyas does not cure the defects of White-RE, claim 22 is allowable for at least the reason presented *supra*. Therefore, for at least these reasons, the rejection of claim 22 should be withdrawn.

The New Claims

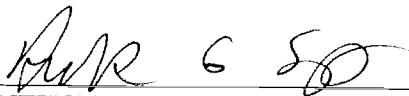
Applicants have submitted new claims 23-36 which are fully supported in the written description and drawings. The new claims introduce no new subject matter. Applicants submit that the art of record does not teach each and every element of these new claims and respectfully request allowance of the claims.

CONCLUSION

All objections and rejections having been addressed, and in view of the foregoing arguments, the claims are believed to be in form for allowance, and such action is earnestly solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, he is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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